

Dr. Burgess Weekly Address August 24, 2018

Serving North Texas

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

As your Representative in Congress, I have the immense privilege and responsibility to provide North Texans with a voice in shaping our laws. I also provide a number of services that are free and available to all residents of the 26th Congressional District.

One of the most important things I do as your Congressman is to connect constituents with resources in the federal government. While I cannot overturn a decision made by a federal agency, I am able to intervene on a constituent's behalf to find information, seek solutions, and help cut through red tape. Last year, I was able to help more than 450 of my constituents with a federal agency, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security and Medicare, and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Communicating with North Texans is one of my top priorities. Last year alone, my office received and responded to more than 80,000 pieces of correspondence. We offered tours of the United States Capitol to more than 2,000 North Texans visiting Washington, D.C. And, we hosted 25 interns between my Lake Dallas and Washington offices.

In addition, one of my greatest privileges as your Congressman is to nominate North Texas students to our United States Service Academies. Each year, it is an honor to recognize the young men and women from the 26th District who pursue and accept the call to serve our nation. If you or a student you know is interested in attending a service academy, please visit burgess.house.gov for additional information.

Finally, I want to use this opportunity to let you know that applications are open for the 2018 Congressional Veteran Commendation. This commendation, in conjunction with the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, seeks to honor distinguished veterans of the 26th District. All applications for the 2018 Congressional Veteran Nomination must be submitted by September 17, 2018. After that, a review board comprised of past commendation recipients will review the nominations and make their recommendations. I am looking forward to recognizing these outstanding North Texas veterans this fall. Further details and the 2018 nomination form can be found on my website.

From conducting constituent case work to nominating students for our service academies and recognizing outstanding veterans, I am here to serve North Texans in any way appropriate.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, may God bless our veterans, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.